

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

I. Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to improve their English grammar as well as address the objection identified on page 2 of the Office Action. Specifically, as requested in the objection, the abstract is now in narrative form and is limited to a single paragraph of 150 words or less. Therefore, withdrawal of the above-mentioned objection is respectfully requested.

The amendments to the specification and abstract have been incorporated into a substitute specification and abstract. Attached are two versions of the substitute specification and abstract, a marked-up version showing the revisions, as well as a clean version. No new matter has been added.

II. Amendment to the Title

The title of the invention was objected to for failing to be descriptive. Therefore, as mentioned above, the title of the invention has been amended to “A VIDEO COMPOSITION CIRCUIT FOR PERFORMING VERTICAL FILTERING TO α -BLENDED VIDEO DATA AND SUCCESSIVELY INPUT VIDEO DATA.” Thus, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

III. Amendments to the Drawings

Figures 3 and 5 were objected to for failing to be identified as prior art. Therefore, figures 3 and 5 have been amended to be identified as prior art, as requested on page 2 of the Office Action. Thus, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, figure 4 has been amended to (i) replace reference element “301” identifying the external storage for storing the main video, the sub-video and the OSD, with reference element “101,” and (ii) replace reference element “303” identifying the internal storage, with reference element “104.” Figure 5 has also been amended to (i) replace reference element “101” identifying the external storage for storing the main video, the sub-video and the OSD, with reference element “301,” and (ii) replace reference element “104” identifying the internal storage, with reference element “303.” The drawing amendments to figures 4 and 5 have been made so that figures 4 and 5 are consistent with the descriptions included in the specification.

These drawing amendments are editorial in nature and do not add new matter to the application.

IV. Amendments to the Claims

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify features of the invention recited therein and to overcome the rejections discussed below.

It is also noted that claims 1-4 and 6 have been amended to make a number of editorial revisions thereto. These editorial revisions have been made to place the claims in better U.S.

form. Further, these editorial revisions have not been made to narrow the scope of protection of the claims, or to address issues related to patentability, and therefore, these amendments should not be construed as limiting the scope of equivalents of the claimed features offered by the Doctrine of Equivalents.

V. 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph Rejections

Claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement by containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in a way to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

Specifically, this rejection states that it is not clear what components make up the video composition unit and the video processing unit. This portion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection is believed clearly inapplicable to amended claims 1-4 and 6 for the reasons discussed below.

Amended independent claim 1 recites a video composition circuit including (1) a video processing unit, (2) a video data composition unit including an α -blending circuit, and (3) an internal data storage unit. It is respectfully submitted that the video data composition unit (that includes the α -blending circuit) is illustrated as the α -blending circuit 216 and the internal storage write I/F 217 (see Fig. 2). Additionally, it is submitted that the video processing unit, as recited in claim 1, is illustrated by the shift circuits 212 and 213, the DDA circuit 214, the LUT circuit 215, the selector 211, the external storage access request circuit 210, and the internal storage read I/F 205 (see Fig. 2). Finally, it is submitted that the internal data storage unit, as recited in claim 1, is illustrated at the internal storage unit 104 (see Fig. 1).

Therefore, in view of the above, it is clear that the video processing unit, the video data composition unit, and the internal storage unit, as now recited in amended independent claim 1, are illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. Claims 2-4 and 6 have also been amended to remain consistent with the above-mentioned features recited in claim 1 and described in the specification. Thus, for the above-mentioned reasons, withdrawal of this portion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

The above-mentioned 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection also states that the structure/function of the video composition unit is unclear. This portion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection is believed clearly inapplicable to amended claims 1-4 and 6 for the reasons discussed below.

As discussed above, claim 1 has been amended to clarify to operation of the video data composition unit, such that the video data composition unit includes the α -blending circuit as illustrated in Fig. 2. Additionally, it is noted that claim 1 recites that the α -blending circuit (1) combines α -blended video data previously stored in the internal data storage unit and video data currently output from the video processing unit and (2) combines pieces of video data output from the video processing unit, to perform vertical filtering to the video data successively input in serial order and to the α -blended video data previously stored in the internal data storage unit.

Thus, in view of the above, it is clear that claim 1 recites that the α -blending circuit combines specific data to perform vertical filtering to successively input video data and to previously stored α -blended video data. Support for the above-described limitations now recited in claim 1 can be found in, at least, (1) the paragraph describing the fifth aspect of the invention, on page 6 of the specification, and (2) the first full paragraph on page 16 of the specification.

Therefore, for the reasons discussed above it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 now recites limitations that are described in various portions of the specification as well as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. Claims 2-4 and 6 have also been amended to remain consistent with the above-mentioned features recited in claim 1 and described in the specification. As a result, withdrawal of this portion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

The above-mentioned 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection also states that the “applicant described the alpha-blending itself performing vertical filtering, but says in claim 1 that vertical filtering is done to alpha-blended data.” This portion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection is believed clearly inapplicable to amended claims 1-4 and 6 for the reasons discussed above (e.g., that the α -blending circuit combines various types of data to perform vertical filtering). Therefore, withdrawal of this portion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

VI. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejections

Claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for being ambiguously recited and mirroring the specification. This rejection is believed clearly inapplicable to amended claims 1-4 and 6 for the reasons discussed below.

As mentioned above, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify the features of the

claimed invention in view of the figures and the specification. Therefore, it is clear that independent claim 1 and claims 2-4 and 6 that depend therefrom satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Thus, in view of the above, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

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DESCRIPTION

VIDEO COMPOSITION CIRCUIT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONTECHNICAL FIELD1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a video composition circuit such as a television and, more particularly, to a reduction in the circuit scale.

BACKGROUND ART2. Description of the Related Art

Conventionally, when image composition or filtering is carried out in a video composition circuit such as a television, different circuits are prepared every time the composition is carried out.

Hereinafter, a conventional video composition circuit will be described.

Figure 3 shows a conventional video composition circuit.

In figure 3, 301 denotes an external storage unit provided outside the video composition circuit, 302 denotes a transfer control unit for controlling transfer of data from the external storage unit 301, 303 denotes an internal storage unit provided in the video composition circuit, 304 denotes an OSD output unit

for processing OSD display data outputted from the internal storage unit 303 to perform OSD output, 305 denotes a sub video output unit for processing sub video data outputted from the internal storage unit 303 to perform sub video output, 306 denotes a main video output unit for processing main video data outputted from the internal storage unit 303 to perform main video output, and 307 denotes a video output unit for combining the outputs from the OSD output unit 304, the sub video output unit 305, and the main video output unit 306 to perform video output. Further, 308 denotes, for example, a display having a digital signal input, which displays the video signal outputted from the video output unit 307. In the above-mentioned construction, the constituents other than the external storage unit 301 and the display 303 are fabricated on the same chip.

Further, an LUT (Look Up Table) circuit, for performing color conversion processing such as CLUT (Color Look Up Table) processing and gamma correction processing, is incorporated in the OSD output unit, and a DDA (Digital Differential Analysis) circuit for performing inter-pixel interpolation by digital differential analysis is incorporated in each of the main video output unit 306 and the sub video output unit 305 according to need. ~~and further~~, a DDA circuit and two α composition circuits are incorporated in the main video output unit 306.

The operation of the video composition circuit constructed as described above will be described with reference to figure 5.

The main video data 508, the sub video data 509, and the OSD data 510 are serially and successively outputted from the external storage unit 301, respectively.

During a main video 1 transfer period 503, main video data 508 is transferred from the external storage unit 301 through the transfer control unit 302 to the internal storage unit 303, and stored as main video 1 (511) in the internal storage unit 303. Subsequently, during a main video 2 transfer period 504, another main video data 508 is transferred from the external storage unit 301 through the transfer control unit 302 to the internal storage unit 303, and further, the main video data 508 is transferred to the main video output unit 306 and processed, and stored as data 512 after main video filtering in the internal storage circuit 303.

Next, during a sub video transfer period 505, sub video data 509 is transferred from the external storage unit 301 through the transfer control unit 302 to the internal storage unit 303, and further, the sub video data 509 is transferred to the sub video output unit 305 and processed, and the processed main video and sub video data 513 is stored in the internal storage circuit 303.

Next, during an OSD transfer period 506, OSD display data 510 is transferred from the external storage unit 301 through the transfer control unit 302 to the internal storage unit 303, and further, the OSD display data 510 is transferred to the OSD output unit 304 and processed. Furthermore, in the subsequent-

stage video output unit 307, the OSD display data processed by the OSD output unit 304 and the previously processed main video and sub video data 513 are combined, thereby obtaining final output video data 514.

In the operation of the above-mentioned circuit, the processings are finally carried out in synchronization with a display period 502 which is a display speed of frames based on a horizontal sync signal 501.

Patent Document 1: Japanese Published Patent Application No. Hei.11-352946 (Page 17, Figure 1)

DISCLOSURE-BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In the conventional video composition circuit, the complicated video output unit 307 for α -blending three outputs from the OSD output unit 304, the sub video output unit 305, and the main video output unit 306 is required. Further, since the data of the respective layers, i.e., the OSD display data, the sub video data, and the main video data, are stored in the internal storage unit 303, the size of the internal storage unit is undesirably increased. Further, both of the main video output unit 306 and the sub video output unit 305 are provided with the DDA (Digital Differential Analysis) circuits, and thereby the size of the whole device is undesirably increased. Further, the OSD output unit, the sub video output unit, and the main video output unit are specially incorporated, and therefore, it is

difficult to alter the functions of these circuits.

The present invention is made to solve the above-described problems and has for its object to provide a video composition circuit that can reduce the circuit scale.

In order to solve the above-mentioned problems, according to Claim 1 - a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video composition circuit for receiving plural pieces of video data which are successively inputted in serial order, performing a predetermined video processing for predetermined video data, and combining plural pieces of video data to output composite data, and the video composition circuit comprises: a video processing unit to which plural pieces of video data are successively inputted in serial order, performing a predetermined video processing to the inputted video data, and outputting the processed video data; a video data composition unit for combining the plural pieces of video data outputted from the video processing unit to output composite data; and a data storage unit for holding the video data outputted from the video data composition unit.; and theThe video data composition unit being a circuit having an α - blending function, and combining the video data read from the data storage unit and the video data outputted from the video processing unit, as well as combining the plural pieces of video data outputted from the video processing unit, thereby performing vertical filtering to the video data successively inputted in serial order and to the α - blended

video data stored in the data storage unit.

According to ~~Claim 2-a second aspect~~ of the present invention, in the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 1~~the first aspect of the present invention, the video processing unit, the data storage unit, and the video data composition unit are constituted on the same chip.

According to ~~Claim 3-a third aspect~~ of the present invention, in the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 1~~the first aspect of the present invention, the plural pieces of video data successively inputted in serial order are main video, sub video, and OSD video which is additional information to be displayed simultaneously with the main and sub videos.

According to ~~Claim 4-a fourth aspect~~ of the present invention, the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 3~~the third aspect of the invention further includes an external storage unit for holding the plural pieces of video data that are successively inputted in serial order, the external storage unit being placed outside the chip,~~, and wherein~~ the video data composition unit reads the video data outputted from the external storage unit and the α -blended video data which is stored in the data storage unit in the chip, and subjects these data to α -blending again.

According to ~~Claim 6-a fifth aspect~~ of the present invention, in the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 1~~the first aspect of the present invention, the video data composition unit

writes the video data which is obtained as a result of combining the video data read from the data storage unit and the video data outputted from the video processing unit, over the video data which has previously been stored in the data storage unit.

As described above, according to Claim 1—the first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video composition circuit for receiving plural pieces of video data which are successively inputted in serial order, performing a predetermined video processing for predetermined video data, and combining plural pieces of video data to output composite data, and the video composition circuit comprises: a video processing unit to which plural pieces of video data are successively inputted in serial order, performing a predetermined video processing to the inputted video data, and outputting the processed video data; a video data composition unit for combining the plural pieces of video data outputted from the video processing unit to output composite data; and a data storage unit for holding the video data outputted from the video data composition unit; and the video data composition unit being a circuit having an α -blending function, and combining the video data read from the data storage unit and the video data outputted from the video processing unit, as well as combining the plural pieces of video data outputted from the video processing unit, thereby performing vertical filtering to the video data successively inputted in serial order and to the α -blended video data stored in the data

storage unit. Therefore, the circuit scale can be reduced by integrating the video processing unit, the video data composition unit, and the data storage unit on a single circuit.

According to ~~Claim 2~~ the second aspect of the present invention, in the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 1~~ the first aspect of the invention, the video processing unit, the data storage unit, and the video data composition unit are constituted on the same chip. Therefore the circuit scale can be reduced.

According to ~~Claim 3~~ the third aspect of the present invention, in the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 1~~ the first aspect, the plural pieces of video data successively inputted in serial order are main video, sub video, and OSD video which is additional information to be displayed simultaneously with the main and sub videos. Therefore, there is required only one α -blending circuit having an OSD display function, a sub video display function, a main video display function, and an α -blending function, whereby the circuit scale can be reduced. Further, since the OSD output unit, the sub video output unit, and the main video output unit are united to be one circuit, functions which have conventionally been realized for sub video but have not been realized for OSD can be used for OSD.

According to ~~Claim 4~~ the fourth aspect of the present invention, the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 3~~ the third aspect of the invention further includes an external

storage unit for holding the plural pieces of video data that are successively inputted in serial order, the external storage unit being placed outside the chip; and the video data composition unit reads the video data outputted from the external storage unit and the α -blended video data which is stored in the data storage unit in the chip, and subjects these data to α -blending again. Therefore, the internal storage unit is used so that data are overwritten, whereby the amount of usage of the internal storage unit can be reduced.

According to ~~Claim 6~~ a sixth aspect of the present invention, in the video composition circuit defined in ~~Claim 1~~ the first aspect of the invention, the video data composition unit writes the video data which is obtained as a result of combining the video data read from the data storage unit and the video data outputted from the video processing unit, over the video data which has previously been stored in the data storage unit. Therefore, the internal storage unit is used so that data are overwritten, whereby the amount of usage of the internal storage unit can be reduced.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of a video processing apparatus (video composition circuit) according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of

a video processing circuit included in the video processing apparatus according to the first embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of a conventional video processing apparatus.

Figure 4 is a diagram for explaining the processing operation of the video processing apparatus according to the first embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 5 is a diagram for explaining the processing operation of the conventional video processing apparatus.

BEST MODE TO EXECUTE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

(Embodiment 1)

Hereinafter, an embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1 shows a video composition circuit according to a first embodiment of the present invention. In figure 1, reference numeral 101 denotes an external storage unit for holding main video data, sub video data, and OSD display data, which is provided outside the video composition circuit.

Reference numeral 104 denotes an internal storage unit for holding the main video data, the sub video data, and the OSD display data, which is provided inside the video composition circuit. Reference numeral 102 denotes a transfer control unit for controlling transfer of data from the external storage unit

101 to the internal storage unit 104, and reference numeral 103 denotes a video processing circuit which receives the video data read from the external storage unit 101 by the transfer control unit 102, and the video data read from the internal storage unit 104, and subjects these video data to video processing.

Reference numeral 105 denotes, for example, a display having a digital signal input, for displaying data outputted from the video processing circuit 103. In the above-mentioned construction, the transfer control unit 102, the video processing circuit 103, and the internal storage unit 104 are fabricated on the same chip (LSI).

Hereinafter, the operation of the video composition circuit constructed as described above will be described with reference to figure 4.

Initially, during a main video 1 transfer period 403, main video 1 data stored in the external storage unit 101 is transferred through the transfer control unit 102, processed in the video processing circuit 103, and stored in the internal storage unit 104 as main video 1 data 411. Next, during a main video 2 transfer period 404, main video 2 data stored in the external storage unit 101 is transferred through the transfer control unit 102, processed in the video processing circuit 103, and written over the data 411 to be stored as main video filtered data 412 in the internal storage unit 104.

Next, during a sub video transfer period 405, sub video data

stored in the external storage unit 101 is transferred through the transfer control unit 102, and processed in the video processing circuit 103 together with the data 412 which has previously been stored in the internal storage unit 104, and the processed data is written over the data 412 to be stored as main video + sub video data 413 in the internal storage unit 104.

Next, during an OSD transfer period 406, OSD data stored in the external storage unit 101 is transferred through the transfer control unit 102, and processed in the video processing circuit 103 together with the data 413 which has previously been stored in the internal storage unit 104, and the processed data is written over the data 413 to be stored as output video 414 in the internal storage unit 104.

Figure 2 shows the specific construction of the video processing circuit 103. In figure 2, reference numeral 201 denotes an external storage access request circuit which outputs an external storage request signal 202 that requests an access to the external storage unit 101, and an external storage read address 203 that indicates a read address thereof, through the transfer control unit 102 to the external storage unit 101. Thereby, external storage read data 204 is obtained from the external storage unit 101 through the transfer control unit 102.

Further, the external storage access request circuit 201 outputs a request signal 205 (that requests an access to the internal storage unit 104) to an internal storage read interface

(hereinafter referred to as I/F) 206.

The internal storage read I/F 206 receives the request signal 205, and outputs an internal storage read address 207 to the internal storage unit 104. Thereby, read data 208 is obtained from the internal storage unit 104.

A parallel/serial conversion circuit 209 converts the output 208 received from the internal storage read I/F 206, from parallel data to serial data, and outputs a video output 210 to the internal storage unit 104.

The internal storage unit 104 outputs the video output converted into serial data to the outside as an output of the video composition circuit.

A selector 211 selects either the external storage read data 204 that is read by the external storage access request circuit 201 or the read data 208 that is read by the internal storage read I/F 206.

A shift circuit 212 processes the read data selected by the selector 211 into pixel-unit data as required.

A DDA (Digital Differential Analysis) circuit 214 performs inter-pixel interpolation by digital differential analysis as required, thereby performing scale-up and scale-down of the video data outputted from the shift circuit 212) in the horizontal direction.

A shift circuit 213 processes the read data 208 outputted from the internal storage read I/F 206) into pixel-unit data as

required.

A LUT (Look Up Table) circuit 215 performs color conversion processing such as CLUT (Color Look Up Table) processing and gamma correction processing as required.

The CLUT processing is a processing to convert video data that is expressed by a color number such as OSD display data into color data on the basis of a CLUT. The gamma correction processing is also performed using a LUT for gamma correction.

An α -blending circuit 216 performs α -blending of the output of the DDA circuit 214 and the output of the LUT 215. The α -blending is a processing to blend images on the basis of α information expressing a transparency. While in this embodiment images are blended on the basis of predetermined α information, images to be blended themselves may have α information.

An internal storage write I/F 217 writes write data 219, which is obtained as a result of blending by the α -blending circuit 216, into the internal storage unit 104 according to an internal storage write address 218.

A processor 220 controls the operations of the respective units in the video processing circuit 103.

Hereinafter, a description will be given of the operation of the video processing circuit 103 constituted as described above.

Initially, the processor 220 gives a command to the external storage access request circuit 201, and an external storage request signal 202 and an external storage read address 203 are

transmitted to the transfer control unit 102. Then, the external storage read data 204 is returned from the transfer control unit 102. Simultaneously, a request signal 205 is transmitted to the internal storage read I/F 206, and an internal storage read address 207 is issued in timing with the request signal 205. When the internal storage read address 207 is issued, read data 208 is returned from the internal storage unit 104 to the internal storage read I/F 206. The returned data is transferred to the shift circuit 213, and processed into dot-unit data as required. The processed data is transferred to the LUT circuit 215, and subjected to color conversion processing such as CLUT (Color Look Up Table) processing and gamma correction processing as required.

On the other hand, the external storage read data 204 is transmitted through the external storage access request circuit 201 and the selector circuit 211 to the shift circuit 212, and processed into dot-unit data as required. The processed data is transmitted through the DDA (Digital Differential Analysis) circuit 214 and subjected to scaling up or scaling down in the horizontal direction. The output of the DDA circuit 214 and the output of the LUT circuit 215 are subjected to α -blending in the α -blending circuit 216. A result of the α -blending is input to the internal storage write I/F 217, and the processing result is written in the internal storage unit 104 according to the internal storage write address 218 and the internal storage write

data 219.

The above-mentioned α -blending circuit 216 is also able to perform, in addition to α -blending, vertical filtering by reading horizontal two lines on the same screen. For example, each of two lines of main video is read as an input of the α -blending and processed by the α -blending circuit 216, whereby vertical filtering can be carried out.

Further, when processing two kinds of data stored in the internal storage unit 104, a read timing is given to the internal storage read I/F 206 by the processor 220, and an internal storage read address 207 is given to the internal storage unit 104. Thereby, the read data 208 is returned from the internal storage unit 104, and two kinds of data from the internal storage unit 104 are read into the internal storage read I/F 206. One of the two kinds of data is transferred through the selector circuit 211 to the shift circuit 212, and processed into dot-unit data as required, and then the processed data is transferred through the DDA circuit to be subjected to scaling up or scaling down in the horizontal direction. The other data is transferred to the shift circuit 213, and processed into dot-unit data as required, and then transferred to the LUT circuit 215 to be subjected to CLUT processing or gamma correction as required. The output of the DDA circuit 214 and the output of the LUT circuit 215 are input to the α -blending circuit 216 to be α -blended. The α -blended data is transferred to the internal storage write I/F 217, and

then transferred to the internal storage unit 104 according to the internal storage write address 218 and the internal storage write data 219. When the data stored in the internal storage unit 104 is processed and the data before the processing is not required, the data after the processing is written over the data before the processing, thereby reducing the capacity of the internal storage unit that is needed in this video composition circuit.

Finally, the final output data stored in the internal storage unit 104 is transferred through the read data 208 to the internal storage read I/F 206 using the internal storage read address 207. The transferred data is transferred to a parallel-serial conversion circuit 209 to be output as video output 210.

In the video composition circuit according to the first embodiment, video composition processing for combining the data of the external storage unit 101 and the data of the internal storage unit 104 is carried out using the video processing circuit 103 having the OSD display function, the sub-video display function, the main-video display function, and the α -blending function, and writing of the processing result into the internal storage unit 104 is repeated. Therefore, it is required to provide only one α -blending circuit having the OSD display function, the sub-video display function, the main-video display function, and the α -blending function, resulting in a reduction in the circuit scale. Further, since the OSD output unit, the

sub-video output unit, and the main-video output unit are united to be one circuit, it is possible to realize processings such as scaling up and scaling down which have been realized for sub-video but have not been realized for OSD. Further, since overwriting of data is carried out as mentioned above, the amount of usage of the internal storage unit can be further reduced. Moreover, since vertical filtering for the data in the external storage unit and the data in the internal storage unit is carried out using the α -blending function of the video processing circuit, whereby the α -blending circuit can be operated as a vertical filter circuit, resulting in a further reduction in the circuit scale.

Further, since the video composition circuit needs to have only one DDA circuit and one α -blending circuit in contrast to the conventional circuit, the number of these circuits can be reduced by half, resulting in a further reduction in the circuit scale.

APPLICABILITY IN INDUSTRY

In a video processing apparatus according to the present invention, a video processing unit, a video data composition unit, and a data storage unit are integrated as one circuit, whereby the circuit scale is reduced, resulting in a minimized apparatus.

ABSTRACT

~~In a conventional video composition circuit which performs OSD display, sub video display, and main video display so that these displays are overlapped, a complicated video output unit for combining the three displays is required, and further, the memory size increases because the data of layers of the respective displays are placed on an internal storage unit. Moreover, since an OSD output unit, a sub video output unit, and a main video output unit are specially incorporated, it is difficult to change the functions.~~

~~In a video composition circuit, when~~ When transferring data from an external storage unit (101) to ~~the~~ a video composition circuit, the transferred data and data stored in an internal storage unit (104) of the video composition circuit are subjected to vertical filtering using a video processing circuit (103). The video processing circuit (103) having a function of an OSD output unit, a function of a sub video output unit, and a function of a main video output unit., and Additionally, the video processing circuit (103) having an α -blending function, to write the data over the internal storage unit (104), thereby performing display.